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1. IN PURSUANCE OF COURSE OF ACTION OUTLINED IN REFTEL, WE MET WITH SOVIETS JUNE 5 TO GIVE THEM SLIGHTLY REVISED VERSION OF LATEST NATO APPROVED TEXT ON BROADCASTING. OUR APPOINTMENT WAS WITH SOVIET BASKET III CHIEF DUBININ, BUT SOVIET DELEGATION HEAD KOVALEV JOINED MEETING IMMEDIATELY AND CONDUCTED THE DISCUSSION. AFTER THREE HOURS OF DIFFICULT GIVE-AND-TAKE SOVIETS PRODUCED THE FOLLOWING COMPROMISE TEXT WHICH THEY SAID THEY WERE PREPARED TO RECOMMEND TO MOSCOW. THEY ASKED US TO TRY TO OBTAIN WASHINGTON'S AGREEMENT TO THIS COMPROMISE ASAP, PREFERABLY BY FRIDAY, JUNE 6. QUOTE THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THE EXPANSION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION BROADCAST BY RADIO, AND EXPRESS THE HOPE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROCESS, SO AS TO MEET THE INTEREST OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES AND THE AIMS OF THIS CONFERENCE UNQUOTE.

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2. WE INFORMED NATO CAUCUS OF THIS TEXT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVED IT, AND ASKED FOR THEIR COMMENTS. SINCE STRUCTURE AND PHRASEOLOGY IS SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT FROM EARLIER VERSIONS OF BROADCAST TEXT, CAUCUS WAS HESITANT TO PASS JUDGMENT ON IT IMMEDIATELY, BUT ALL AGREED TO TRANSMIT IT TO CAPITALS AND TO ASK FOR INSTRUCTIONS.

3. WE BELIEVE NEW COMPROMISE TEXT IS SLIGHTLY BETTER THAN POSSIBLE OUTCOME WE HAD FORESEEN (PARA 2 OF REFTTEL), SINCE IT REFERS EXCLUSIVELY TO THE EXPANSION IN THE DISSEMINATION OF BROADCAST INFORMATION (E.E. CESSATION OF JAMMING) AND MAKES NO MENTION OF BROADCASTS THEMSELVES (I.E. CONTENT OF PROGRAMS). PHRASE ALSO EXPRESSES HOPE THAT PRESENT SITUATION (NO JAMMING) WILL CONTINUE, AND PHRASES ON MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND AIMS OF CSCE ARE INTRODUCED AS THE OBJECTIVES OF CESSATION OF JAMMING AND NOT REPEAT NOT AS OBJECTIVES OF BROADCASTING.

3. KOVALEV'S EVIDENT INTEREST IN CONCLUDING THIS SUBJECT IMMEDIATELY APPARENTLY INFLUENCED HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE TEXT, AND WE WOULD RECOMMEND THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO IT, PROVIDED THAT OUR ALLIES CAN ALSO ACCEPT IT.

4. IN VIEW OF THE SPEED WITH WHICH NEGOTIATIONS ON HUMAN CONTACTS AND INFORMATION ARE NOW MOVING, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING EARLY INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS TEXT.DALE

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